Computerisation of Inter-State Remote Border Checkposts

2745. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank recently praised Gujarat for scripting a success in installing 10 computerised inter-State remote border checkposts;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to introduce such a system in other States to root out corruption and to bring in greater efficiency;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) This Ministry has not received any such report.

(b) to (d) Induction of Information Technology in Transport Sector is a continuous and ongoing process. The computerization of border checkposts falls under the purview of State Government. Some States have reportedly made inquiries with Government of Gujarat on the arrangements made by them on the border checkposts.

Construction of Inter-City Expressways

2746. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating construction of inter-city express-ways in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the stretches identified for construction of intercity expressways especially in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) At present there is no proposal to construct inter-city expressways in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development and Maintenance of Delhi-Mawana-Mirapur-Bijnor-Najibabad-Kotdwara Highway

2747. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that people of the hill region of Uttaranchal are very much agitated due to non development and maintenance of Delhi-Mawana-Mirapur-Bijnor-Najibabad-Kotdwara highway;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in repair and development of the Highway;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey to identify the number of accident occurred on that road due to narrow width of the road; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to allocate adequate funds to complete the repair work and by when the work would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Delhi-Mawana-Mirapur-Bijnor-Najibabad-Kotdwara highway falls in the State of Uttar Pradesh and is about 202 km. long. A length of 65 km. upto Meerut falling on National Highway Nos. 24 and 58 is already developed to 4- lane standards. Meerut-Bijnor- Najibabad section in a length of 118 km has been taken up by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for upgradation under Phase-I of World Bank assisted State Road Project. The remaining length in Najibabad-Uttaranchal border Section has been accorded "in-principle" approval for improvement under Inter-State Connectivity Scheme of Central Road Fund.